

CHAPTER 17-03-02
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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17-03-02-01. Professional education.

1. All licensees shall complete a minimum of twenty hours of approved continuing chiropractic education per year. Only hours earned at board-approved continuing chiropractic education programs will be acceptable. In order to receive board approval, a continuing chiropractic education program must meet one of the following:
 - a. A program sponsored by the board;
 - b. A program approved by providers of approved continuing education (PACE);
 - c. A program sponsored by a college of chiropractic accredited by the council on chiropractic education or its successor;
 - d. A health-related seminar sponsored by an equally accredited college or university;
 - e. A medical seminar qualifying for continuing education credits; or
 - f. An educational program arranged by the North Dakota chiropractic association and approved by the board.
2. In order to have a program approved, the sponsor shall submit to the board the following information in addition to any other information requested by the board:
 - a. A detailed course outline or syllabus including such items as the method of instruction and the testing materials.
 - b. The qualifications and subjects taught by each instructor appearing in the program.
 - c. The procedure to be used for recording attendance of those attendees seeking to apply for continuing chiropractic education credit.
 - d. The instructor is approved by the board of chiropractic examiners.

3. The board must be the sole determinant of whether the courses are approved for continuing chiropractic education credit. The board shall make that determination based on the information submitted to it. In making its decision, the board shall determine whether or not the course submitted for credit meets the basic objectives and goals of continuing chiropractic education. Those basic goals include the growth of knowledge, the cultivation of skills and greater understanding, the continual striving for excellence in chiropractic care, and the improvement of health and welfare of the public.
4. On or before September first of each year, licensees may elect to renew their licenses as inactive. The inactive status is at a reduced fee for those licensees who do not practice, consult, or provide any service relative to the chiropractic profession in the state. The inactive licensee does not have to provide proof of continuing educational hours. Any inactive licensee may activate the license at any time by paying an additional fee and showing proof of twenty hours of continuing education in the last twelve months.
5. All licensees must have four hours of professional boundary study every three years prior to renewal of their licenses. These four hours will be included in the annual twenty-hour requirement in the year taken.
6. During the first calendar year a new license is issued to practice chiropractic in North Dakota, the licensee will be required to attend a seminar put on by the board. The seminar will be provided twice a year without charge.

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17-03-02-02. Peer review.

1. Peer review must be performed by a committee of three individuals appointed by the president of the board. Membership on the committee shall consist of three licensed chiropractors, none of whom may be in a direct or indirect business or personal relationship with the provider, insurer, or patient whose care is being reviewed.
2. The peer review committee shall investigate cases referred by the board that concern whether a licensed chiropractor:
 - a. Properly utilized services;
 - b. Rendered or ordered appropriate treatment or services; or
 - c. Charged unconscionable fees or charges for treatment.

3. The fees and charges for treatment include all services provided to the consumer regardless of the monetary consideration paid to the health care provider.
4. The term "unconscionable fees or charges" means:
 - a. Charges for improperly utilized services; or
 - b. Unreasonable charges for provider services, tests, or treatments.
5. The term "properly utilized services" means a determination of whether the services provided were necessary and reasonable as substantiated by clinical records and reports of the provider.

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17-03-02-03. Report of disciplinary actions. The board will report all final disciplinary actions to CIN-BAD, the internet database of the federation of chiropractic licensing boards. In addition, by law, the board will report all final disciplinary actions to the federal health care integrity and protection database. The board will also publish all final disciplinary actions in its newsletter, distributed to all licenseholders and to select state newspapers.

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